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DATE: 26 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: LAOS--SOUVANNA ARRIVES IN FRANCE

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PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA ARRIVED SAFELY IN PARIS
TODAY, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. HE EXPECTS TO SPEND AT LEAST
TWO MONTHS CONVALESCING AT HIS VILLA AT GRASSE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE.

PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM VIENTIANE YESTERDAY, SOUVANNA
PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS TURNING OVER THE AFFAIRS OF STATE
TO BOTH COMMUNIST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AND HIS
NON-COMMUNIST COUNTERPART LEAM INSISIENGMAI. THIS INJECTS A
NEW VOTE OF UNCERTAINTY INTO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN
VIENTIANE. SOUVANNA HAD EARLIER NAMED PHOUMI AS THE SOLE "ACTING

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PRIME MINISTER," BUT IN THE END APPARENTLY DECIDED ON A DUUMVIRATE ARRANGEMENT AS A FACE-SAVING DEVICE FOR THE NON-COMMUNISTS.

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